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### **KALISPELL TEACHER WINS PRESTIGIOUS TEACHING AWARD**

**MISSOULA --**

Robert C. McChesney, a fifth-grade teacher at Evergreen Junior High School in **Kalispell**, has won the 2001 Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence, one of the most distinguished honors a Montana educator can get.

McChesney's selection was based on his educational background and experience, classroom creativity and enthusiasm, commitment to education and glowing letters of recommendation.

McChesney will receive the \$2,000 award Friday, April 20, at the 12th Annual UM Teacher Education Reception. Another \$1,000 will go to McChesney's school, to be used as he wishes.

The award's namesake, the late Maryfrances Shreeve, was a much-loved elementary school teacher who taught in western Montana for 37 years. She earned a reputation as a dedicated, concerned and committed master teacher who set the standard for excellence in the profession. To honor that legacy, her children, Jean'ne Shreeve and William Shreeve, established the award in her name in 1992, and Maryfrances herself was the first recipient. Subsequent award recipients have been teachers who have maintained the high standard of expertise and dedication she exemplified.

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